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Applicant(s): H. NAKANO, et al
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Group: 2812
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 31, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of processing a semiconductor device includes the steps of generating plasma in a processing chamber to form a thin film on a semiconductor device or to process a thin